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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The present listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject patent application.

Claims 1 - 4 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 5 (currently amended): Scissors comprising in combination:

a first shaft having a handle portion and a cutting portion separated by a first pivot location, said handle portion having a tubular portion;

an adjustable, substantially circular thumb ringlet having an open portion and a hole;

a flexible pin adapted to be inserted through the hole in said thumb ringlet and into the tubular portion of said first shaft for rotatably connecting said thumb ringlet to said first shaft. ~~The scissors as described in claim 1,~~ wherein said flexible pin has a forward portion and a rearward portion, said thumb ringlet and said flexible pin cooperating such that the rearward portion of said flexible pin does not pass through the hole in said thumb ringlet when said flexible pin is inserted therethrough, and said flexible pin and said tubular portion of said handle portion of said first shaft cooperating such that the forward portion of said flexible pin is captured in the tubular portion of said first shaft when said flexible pin is inserted therethrough;

a second shaft having a handle portion and a cutting portion approximately separated by a second pivot location; and

a second pin for pivotably connecting said second shaft to said first shaft in the region of the first pivot location and the second pivot location in such a manner that the cutting portion of said first shaft and the cutting portion of said second shaft cooperate as opposing cutting portions of said scissors.

Claim 6 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claims 8-14 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16-17 (canceled without prejudice)